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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a method for the production of a compound comprising a free hydroxyl group and a hydroxyl group which is protected by an ester function by enzymatic reaction, using a lipase EC 3.1.1.3. The invention also relates to the use of the resultant compound as an intermediate for the production of medicaments and pharmaceutical products.